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Applicants have filed a request for continued examination in the above-referenced patent application. Prior to examination of the application on the merits, please consider the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

_____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for _____ months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated _____. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

                                                  Fee $_____

_____ An extension for _____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of _____
is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. $_____
                             Extension fee due with this request $_____

X   Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated April 15, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
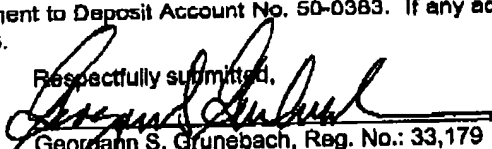
X   No additional fee for claims is required.

_____ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

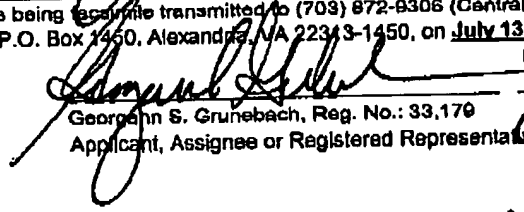|	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
CLAIMS AS AMENDED								
TOTAL CLAIMS	29	minus	29*	=	0	x	$ 18.00	$ 00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	3**	=	0	x	$ 86.00	$ 00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	$ 290.00	$ 00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								$ 00.00

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